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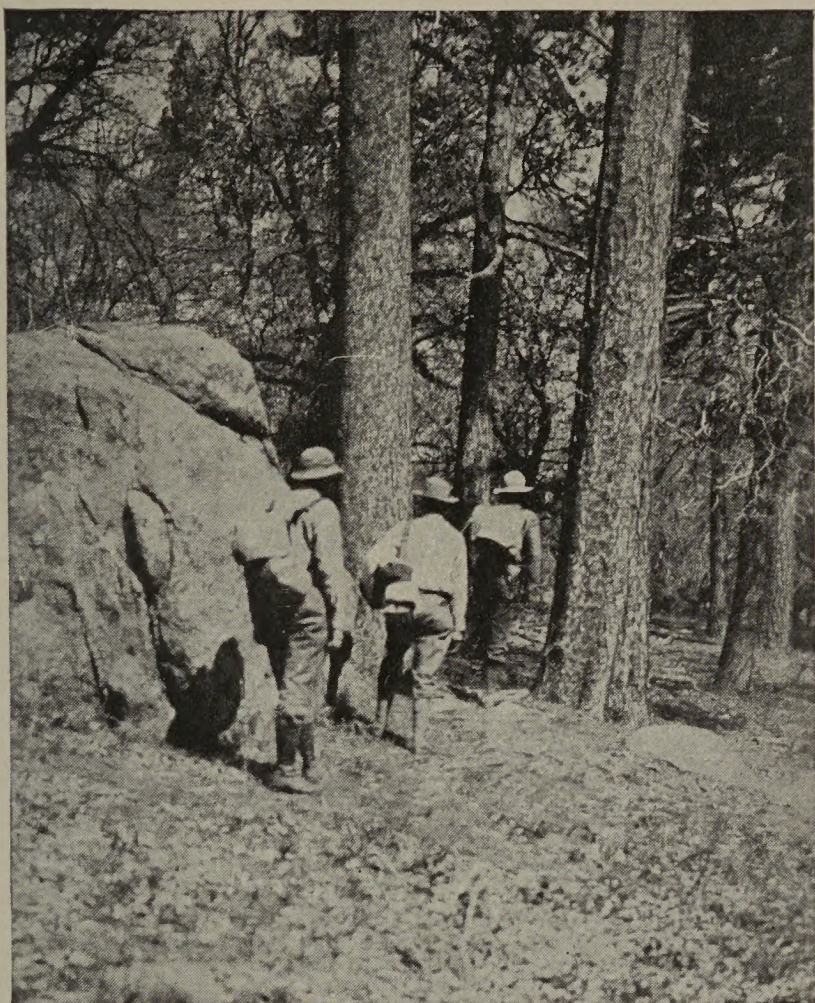
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THE LAGUNAS

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HIKING UP REVERSE CREEK

RECREATION GROUNDS
OF THE
SOUTHLAND
IN THE
CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST
CALIFORNIA



ISSUED BY THE
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LOCATION, 60 miles east of San Diego, 90 miles west of El Centro, on a forest-covered mountain plateau at an elevation of 5,500 to 6,000 feet in the Cleveland National Forest.

AREA, in excess of 3,500 acres, set aside by the Forest Service for recreation purposes.

GOOD water, cool days and nights, free public camp grounds with modern conveniences, and summer-home sites at \$15 per year.

UNSURPASSED views of desert and coast line, Imperial Highway and Forest Service auto road directly into and through the area. Trails for hiking.

NO HUNTING. All game, including a band of elk, protected by Game Refuge No. 4 E.

APLAYGROUND for the people of the Southland.

SUMMER post office ("Resort"), store and restaurant and gas station on the area.



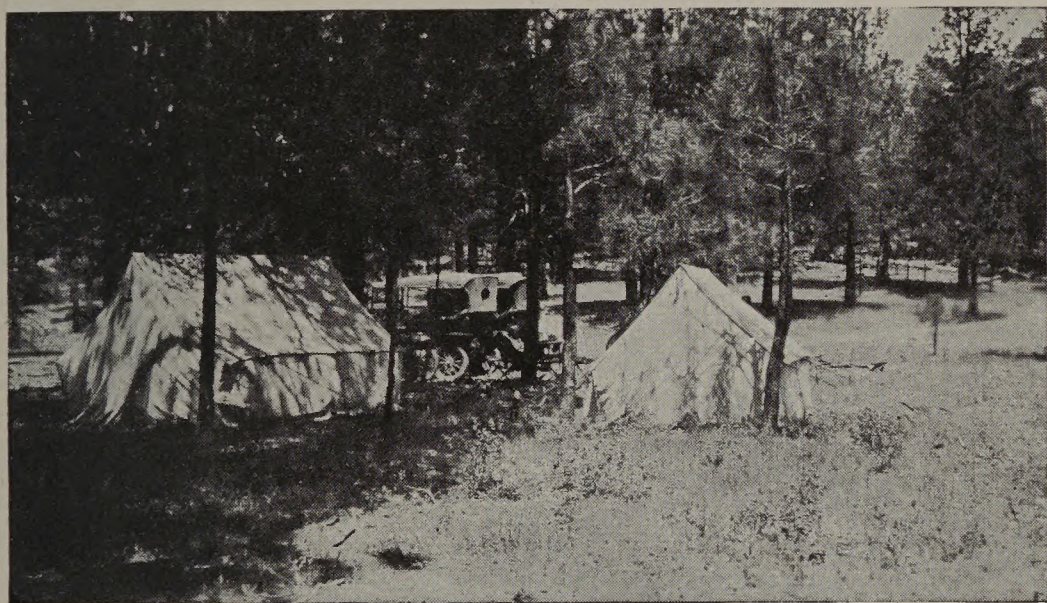
ON GARNET PEAK

THE LAGUNAS

DEEP in the heart of the mountains, far from the haunts of man, lies a beautiful pine and oak forest. Primeval, despite its parklike appearance, for the absence of underbrush, the springy needle-carpeted floor, the little band of elk grazing on secluded meadow are the work of nature.

AN INDIAN LEGEND

Time was when this Laguna playground, with its enchanted pool of clear spring water, was the home of Par-a-han' and Sat-e-co', beautiful Indian twins as different as are the deepest twilight shadows from the rose-light blush of dawn. Seen-u-how' was their mother, and dearly did she love her two wonderful boys. But it came to pass that evil befell them, and they were killed in a far-off land. Then Seen-u-how', who knew all things ere they happened, but whose



PUBLIC CAMPING GROUNDS IN THE LLAGUNAS

warning the twins had failed to heed, wailed long and loudly, disappearing, finally, in the east.

But from one certain point in the Llagunas, where the pines "softly intone their prayers to the heavens above," one may stand and look out to the vast stretches of desert sand far below and see, while the purple evening shades grow deep, a light in the east. And in the far-off glow of that light sits an old woman, haggard, disheveled, alone.

It is Seen-u-how', still bemoaning the loss of her beautiful twins.

A MOUNTAIN PLAYGROUND

Isolation, the soft, balmy coolness of altitude and forest combined, pure, invigorating air and crystal-clear water, factors which made the Llagunas a favorite summer abode for the Indian, make of it now an ideal recreation ground for people of the lowlands. And so the Forest Service has reserved this vast mountain playground for the use and enjoyment of the public.



SUMMER HOME IN THE LAGUNAS

THE WAY IN

A California Highway—that between San Diego and El Centro—leads east from the southern port through La Mesa, El Cajon Valley, Alpine, Descanso, and Pine Valley to the Pine Creek-Cottonwood divide. Turning here to the left a branch of the highway, constructed by the Forest Service, gives smooth and easy access to the Lagunas.

From El Centro the same State Highway runs west across the Coyote Canyon bridge, up the Mountain Springs grade through Jacumba and, following the Cottonwood Creek drainage by Buckman Springs, connects again with the Laguna road, thus providing a delightfully scenic route from Imperial Valley to the mountains.

The distance is some 60 miles from San Diego and 90 miles from El Centro.

PUBLIC CAMP GROUNDS

Here, at an elevation of 6,000 feet, come people from all over southern California. From the Imperial Valley and from the seacoast they come. Many appear with tent and outfit to stay for a week, or mayhap a month, at Boiling Springs, at Verdi Ravine, or at Laguna, three public camp grounds whose conveniences of firewood and toilets, fresh, sweet water, tables, benches, and fireplaces are free to all comers. Others, having graduated from the camper class, spend their summer vacation or their week ends, as the case may be, in rustic summer homes.

SUMMER HOME SITES

IN THE LAGUNAS

Lots may be leased for long or short terms from the Forest Service at the modest rental of \$15 each year. There are many groups—El Prado and Los Huecos, Vallecitas, Escondido, Agua Dulce, Burnt Rancheria, and others. Many summer homes have been built, but there is room and to spare for all who would acquire an interest in the Lagunas; who

would enjoy the view of both desert and coast line from Monument or Garnet Peaks or wander at will beside mountain streams and through ravines, meadows, and primeval forests. For information write the Forest Supervisor, San Diego, Calif., the District Forester at San Francisco, or, better still, see the Forest Ranger on the area and get him to show you the lots.

IN OTHER CALIFORNIA FORESTS

Summer home sites may be had in the canyons of the Angeles, Cleveland, and Santa Barbara Forests; along Feather River Canyon and in the Gold Lake region of the Plumas Forest; above Rush Creek, Gull Lake, and Silver Lake on the Mono; along the South Fork of the Trinity River on the Trinity Forest, and near Lower Strawberry Lake on the Stanislaus.

Attractive sites are also available in the Lake Tahoe region on the Tahoe Forest; in the Fallen Leaf, Echo Lake, and American River regions on the Eldorado; Huntington Lake on the Sierra; the Medicine Lake region on the Shasta; near Mammoth on the Inyo, as well as at several places on the Cleveland. Lots are also available in many localities not mentioned herein. Those who wish to select them should consult a map showing all the National Forests in California (a map of this kind can be obtained from the District Forester, Ferry Building, San Francisco, Calif.), decide upon a locality, and communicate with the Forest Supervisor in charge of the National Forest including this locality. Forest Supervisors will gladly furnish detailed information that will be of assistance in obtaining a site.

If possible, the applicant for a lot should visit the locality himself and make a choice in person. Those who can not visit a tract in person should ask the Supervisor to pick out a lot and send them an application blank. The fees are from \$10 to \$25 a year.

Sites for hotels and resorts can also be obtained under term permits, at rental charges ranging from \$25 to \$250 per annum. Forest Supervisors will gladly furnish information to assist anyone who wishes to secure a desirable site for this purpose.

To prevent any misunderstanding, it may be said that no permit is required for temporary camping in National Forests. Campers are free to go and come as they please, provided they observe care in the handling of fire and in respect to sanitation. Camp-fire permits are necessary on some of the Forests.

HELP PREVENT FIRES!

Get a Camp-Fire Permit from the Forest Ranger
and Observe the Six Rules

1. *Matches.* Be sure your match is out. Break it in two before you throw it away.

2. *Tobacco.* Throw pipe ashes and cigar or cigarette stumps in the dust of the road and stamp or pinch out the fire before leaving them. Don't throw them into brush, leaves, or needles.

3. *Making Camp.* Build a small camp fire. Build it in the open, not against a tree or log or near brush. Scrape away the trash from all around it.

4. *Leaving Camp.* Never leave a camp fire, even for a short time, without quenching it with water and earth.

5. *Bonfires.* Never build bonfires in windy weather or where there is the slightest danger of their escaping from control. Don't make them larger than you need.

6. *Fighting Fires.* If you find a fire, try to put it out. If you can't, get word of it to the nearest U. S. Forest Ranger or State fire warden at once. Keep in touch with the rangers.

LARGEST area set aside for recreation purposes within the National Forests in California.

ASERIES of free public camp grounds, fitted with tables, benches, fireplaces, latrines. Good water and firewood free for the asking.

GREAT opportunities for summer homes. Lots in any one of the many groups—Agua Dulcie, Los Gatos, Escondido, Burnt Rancheria, El Centro, Piedra, Boiling Springs, Vallecitas, Laguna, and Los Huecos—at a rental of \$15 per year.

UNUSUAL opportunities for health, happiness, and a vacation in the open.

NUMEROUS hikes over interesting trails, and automobile trips to Cuyamaca Lake and other points.

ALWAYS the weather is cool and invigorating, the air pure and bracing, the surroundings pleasant and wholesome.

SHOOTING not allowed. The Lagunas are within Game Refuge No. 4 E.

AUTOMOBILE ROUTE MAP
TO
— THE LAGUNAS —

